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1. The East German Work Circle for Semi-Conductors (Arbeitskreis Halbleiter) is headed by Dr. Friedrich Eckart, head of the Electronic Department of the Academy Institute for Research on the Physics of Solids in Berlin-Buch. Eckart's deputy is Dr. Mathias Falter, head of the Research and Development Department of VEB Werk fuer Bauelemente der Nachrichtentechnik (formerly Dralowid) in Teltow. The post of secretary of the Work Circle was filled until the fall of 1954 by Horst Grunewald, a member of the Dralowid development team until that time. Grunewald later accepted work with the Paedagogische Hochschule in Potsdam and on this occasion resigned from his function as secretary. The name of the present secretary is not known.
2. The Work Circle is divided into four Work Groups (Arbeitsgruppen):
 - a. Arbeitsgruppe Richtigthalbleiter, headed by Dr. Mathias Falter.
 - b. AG Widerstaende, head unknown.
 - c. AG Selen-Gleichrichter, headed by Dr. Friedrich Eckart.
 - d. AG Kupfer-Oxydul Gleichrichter, head unknown.
3. According to a decision made by the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAF) of the State Planning Commission, the above-named Work Circle is to be combined shortly with the Work Circle for Components of Telecommunications Technology (Arbeitskreis Bauelemente der Nachrichtentechnik) and the two combined Work Circles are to be headed by Eng. Langer (fnu) of VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen (formerly OSW) in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide. This decision has met with the disapproval of Eckart who as a means of protest resigned his function as head of this Work Circle and will in the future only be active in the Work Group for Selenium Rectifiers.

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